

There is a need for Tier 5 Extended Unemployment

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I have been unemployed for a long time (over two years). There does not seem to be any prospects of becoming employed again. I have begun the process of collecting Social Security. This is out of necessity not desire. I don't feel that I am ready to retire but it appears that there are few opportunities in this current job market.

Our mortgage marches on, making my need for revenue immediate. We were hanging in there when unemployment benefits were available. When that dried up, I filed for bankruptcy. My 401, etc. for retirement have long since evaporated using them just to survive.

Enough of the sob story – the extension of unemployment benefits may just help keep the rest of my life from falling apart.

Thank you in advance for considering and passing Tier 5 extended benefits.